

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-19 are now pending in the application. Claim 43 has been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 6, which was objected to for being dependent on rejected claim 1 and is now cancelled. Thus, claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance.

All of the remaining claims, claims 2-5 and 7-19, depend on independent claim 1 and so should also now be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims as amended and withdrawal of the rejections over the Yoshimura et al. document and over the Sullivan document in view of any of the Suster, Lochun, Harrison, Cowhurst, or Okada documents because claim 6 was determined to be allowable subject matter.

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed the amendment places the present application in condition for allowance. Thus, entry and favorable consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,



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